

U.S. Congressman Mike Pence delivered the following remarks at a Republican leadership press conference today:

**“Welcome back to Washington. House Republicans just completed a meeting of the House Republican Conference and we are prepared to go to the floor on behalf of the American people and House Republicans will vigorously oppose this latest installment of the failed Democratic policies of stimulus, bailouts and higher taxes as a means of economic growth.**

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**“On a personal level, I must tell you that I’m deeply conflicted today. I know my duties are here in Washington and it’s a privilege to discharge them but today, as we speak, hundreds of my constituents who are struggling in this economy are gathered at the Sixth Congressional District Job Fair. We have 65 employers at the Ball State University campus. People are there looking for opportunities and it grieves my heart that I have to be here on the floor of the Congress when I could be there encouraging Hoosier families that are out of work and struggling.**

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**“The truth is, if I was walking in those hallways I expect I would hear what I always hear back home and that is that Washington, D.C. just doesn’t get it. The American people know that we can’t borrow and spend and bail our way or tax our way back to a growing economy. The people I serve in Eastern Indiana saw 12 percent unemployment in Muncie a year ago and it’s 12 percent today. They are struggling under the weight of these failed policies and they long for leadership out of Washington, D.C that will do something different.**

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**“House Republicans are determined to continue to oppose efforts to pass a national energy tax or to allow the largest tax increase in American history to take place in January. House Republicans are determined to fight for fiscal discipline in Washington, D.C. and pro-growth policies to put those Indiana families back to work.”**